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Honorable William M. Nickerson, Sr. United States District Court for the District of Maryland Garmatz Federal Courthouse 101 W. Lombard Street Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Beth O. Scott v. Life Insurance Company of North America

> Case No.: WMN 03 CV 524 United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Dear Judge Nickerson:

The above-referenced case has been brought under ERISA, and the Plaintiff seeks, among other things, a reversal of the Defendant's decision to terminate long term disability benefits.

Under the existing revised Scheduling Order, Motions for Summary Judgment are due on October 27, 2003.

Since we last wrote to you, the parties have been discussing various proposals for resolving of this matter without further litigation, and based on their progress to date, the parties believe that continued discussions would be beneficial to all concerned. Accordingly, counsel for the Plaintiff and the Defendant jointly and respectfully request that the current Scheduling Order be revised so that the deadline for filing Motions is extended until December 1. 2003.

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Favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

/s/

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